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1. IN CONNECTION WITH INCREASING SIGNS OF DETERIORATION IN SYRIA'S
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OPPOSING PALESTINIAN TERRORISM RECENTLY MADE BY SA'IQA'S ZOHAYR

MUSHSEN (BEIRUT A-170, SEPT 11), WE FIND SEPT 14 ARTICLE IN SA'IQA ORGAN AT TALAI' (FBIS M141754 FROM DAMASCUS) PARTICULARLY INTERESTING. ARTICLE CONTENDS THAT TERRORIST RESPONSIBLE FOR "MAD ACTIONS" AT KHARTOUM, ATHENS AIRPORT, SAUDI EMBASSY AT PARIS AND AGAINST JAL AIRLINES HAVE SERIOUSLY HARMED PALESTINIAN CAUSE. ALTHOUGH IT MENTIONS POSSIBILITY THAT "JORDANIAN AGENTS" MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN ONE INCIDENT, ARTICLE ASSERTS "PLO HAS MUCH INFORMATION ABOUT THOSE WHO WERE BEHIND THESE OPERATIONS" AND IS CAPABLE OF PUNISHING THEM AND PUTTING AN END TO THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE IN EFFECT "PATS ON THE BACK" IF PERPETRATORS ARE ALLOWED TO GO UNPUNISHED.

2. ABOVE ARTICLE OBVIOUSLY DESIGNED AS NOT-SO-SUBTLE PLOY IN SA'IQA'S CONTINUING ENDEAVORS TO WREST CONTROL OF FEDAYEEN MOVEMENT FROM FATAH. AT SAME TIME, IT COMES CLOSER THAN ANY OTHER PUBLIC PRO-NOUNCEMENT MADE BY FEDAYEEN SOURCES TO DATE IN POINTING UP FATAH/ PLO CONNECTION WITH PALESTINIAN TERRORIST ACTIVITIES. AS SUCH, IT CLEARLY SUPPORTS NOTION, BEGINNING FINALLY TO OCCUR TO CERTAIN ARAB OBSERVERS (JIDDA 3966 ,95-)) THAT 'ARAFAT AND CO. SHOULD BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR SETTING FEDAYEEN MOVEMENT "IN ORDER".
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